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Snohomish County declares May 24 "ECEAP Day"

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and the County Council have declared May 24 "ECEAP Day" through a joint resolution.

Snohomish County ECEAP is a free preschool program serving low-income children by providing quality educational experiences that cultivate the potential of the whole child, and by providing access to health, nutrition and family supports.

More than 20 years ago, Snohomish County ECEAP began serving 70 children and their families. Today, Snohomish County ECEAP serves more than 1,000 children annually.

"Research shows that investment in programs such as ECEAP reduce later costs for remedial education, teen pregnancy, criminal justice and public assistance," Reardon said. "They also ensure that children graduate from high school and have higher lifetime earnings."

The mission of Snohomish County's ECEAP is to nurture healthy growth, development, academic excellence and overall well-being of young children and their families so they can succeed in school and life. The program is administered by the Department of Early Learning.

ECEAP is currently recruiting families for the 2012-2013 program year. To learn more about how to enroll your child, go to http://bit.ly/gLUdTp or call 425-388-7268.